

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 20 DECEMBER 2021

Present:

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| Councillor Fitzhenry | Leader of the Council                                  |
| Councillor Hannides  | Cabinet Member for Finance and Capital Assets          |
| Councillor Vassiliou | Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Heritage   |
| Councillor White     | Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care        |
| Councillor Harwood   | Cabinet Member for Customer Service and Transformation |

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Councillor Moulton, Cabinet Member for Growth  
Councillor S Galton, Cabinet Member for Environment  
Councillor J Baillie, Cabinet Member for Education  
Councillor P Baillie, Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care

39. COURT LEET PRESENTMENTS 2021

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 32165)

On consideration of the report of the Leader of the Council, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) that the initial officer responses to the Presentments approved by the Court Leet Jury, as set out in Appendix 1, be noted; and
- (ii) that individual Cabinet Members ensure responses are made to Presenters regarding presentments within their portfolios as appropriate and as soon as practically possible.

40. SOUTHAMPTON CITY VISION LOCAL PLAN - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS) UPDATE

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 32767)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Growth, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To resolve that the revised Local Development Scheme (Appendix 1) is to have effect from 21st December 2021.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Economic Development, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Growth, to make minor amendments to 'Preparing our Development Plans' before publication.

41. UPDATE ON BUDGET FORECAST FOR 2022/23 ONWARDS AND SAVINGS PLANS

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 32885)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Capital Assets and having received representations from Sue Atkins, Parveen Ishfaq, Khalid Farook, Ismael Imran and Councillor Kataria on St. Marys Leisure Centre proposals, Cabinet agreed the following:

General Fund

- i) Notes the update within this report and the assumptions it has been necessary to make at this stage.
- ii) Notes the new commitments which have been included in the forecast as noted in paragraphs 9 and 10 and appendix 1.
- iii) Notes the key headlines from the Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021 announcement set out in appendix 2.
- iv) Notes the budget pressures which have been included in the forecast which are set out in paragraphs 55 and 56 and appendix 3.
- v) Notes the initial savings proposals set out in paragraphs 58 to 60 and appendix 4.
- vi) Notes that even with the proposals contained in this report, a budget shortfall of £9.01M is still currently forecast for 2022/23 and notes the options available to produce a balanced budget.
- vii) Is asked to determine whether, in line with the current policy of no increase in council tax, that this will apply to the Adult Social Care precept.

Housing Revenue Account

- viii) Notes the update and assumptions within this report set out in paragraphs 69 to 95.
- ix) Notes the proposal to freeze rents at the current level as set out in paragraph 76.
- x) Notes the proposals to freeze service charges set out in paragraph 79.
- xi) Notes the proposal to increase heating charges by 16.52 per cent as set out in paragraph 83.

42. STRATEGY FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT IN SAFE ACCOMMODATION

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 32921)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Heritage, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To approve the Strategy for the Provision of Support in Safe Accommodation.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director Communities, Culture and Homes, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities,

Culture and Heritage, to make minor changes to the Strategy for the Provision of Support in Safe Accommodation during its period of effect.

43. CUSTOMER ACCESS STRATEGY

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 32874)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Customer Service and Transformation, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To approve the attached Customer Access Strategy and adopt the principles and approaches outlined in the strategy. Ensuring that all council services are designed or working towards being customer focused and easy to access.
- (ii) For the Customer Access Strategy 2022-2026 to supersede the current Customer Strategy 2018-2022.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director Business Services to make minor amendments to the Customer Access Strategy during its period of effect following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Customer Service and Transformation.

44. IT STRATEGY

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 32940)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Customer Service and Transformation, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To adopt the IT Strategy 2021-2025 and that the IT Service plan work is based on the key themes identified to deliver the vision set out in the strategy.
- (ii) To delegate authority to Executive Director Business Services, to make amendments to the policy during its period of effect, following consultation with the Cabinet Member Customer Service and Transformation.

45. SOUTHAMPTON GOLF\*

DECISION MADE: (CAB 21/22 32824)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Capital Assets, Cabinet approved the recommendations set out in the confidential report.